

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 19; and cancel claims 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool for use in fitting pipes comprising: an upper handle, a lower handle, said upper handle pivotally joined to said lower handle, an upper jaw, said upper jaw attached to said upper handle, a lower jaw, said lower jaw attached to said lower handle, an adjustable ram, said ram affixed to said upper jaw, said ram defining a tip, said ram tip projecting from said upper jaw towards said lower jaw, a means to adjust said ram, said ~~adjustable~~ adjusting means removable from said ram, said lower jaw defining a depression opposite said ram, said depression shaped complementary to said ram tip, a punch, said punch affixed to said lower jaw proximate said depression whereby pivoting said handles to close said jaws on an item therebetween allows said ram and said depression to form a dimple on said item that extends from said ram tip and projects into said depression while said punch forms a mark on the item.
2. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said ram is threadably affixed to said upper jaw.
3. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 1 further comprising a lock nut, said lock nut affixed to said

ram.

4. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 1 wherein said adjusting means comprises a wrench, a threaded member, said threaded member attached to said upper handle, and said depression is V-shaped.
5. (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said upper and lower handles are joined to lock onto an item placed between said jaws.
- 6.-13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently Amended) A method of forming dimples in tubular member with a tool having a pair of pivotally attached handles with opposing jaws, an adjustable ram attached to the jaw of one handle and a punch attached to the jaw of the other handle, and a means to adjust the ram, comprising the steps of:
  - a) placing one of the jaws along the inside of the tubular member with the other jaw outside the tubular member;
  - b) adjusting the ram; and
  - c) pivoting the jaws against the tubular member to form a pair of dimples in dimple with said ram while forming a mark with said punch on the tubular member.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein pivoting the jaws comprises the step of forming a pair

~~of dimples with each~~ dimple extending in a different direction from said mark.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 16~~ claim 14 wherein adjusting the ram includes the step of locking the ram in place.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 16~~ claim 17 wherein adjusting the ram comprises the step of locking the ram ~~in place~~ using a lock nut.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 16~~ claim 14 wherein pivoting the jaws comprises the step of receiving the dimple in the depression.

20. (Canceled)